

## CHAPTER 4

### 4.1. LIST OF PREPARERS

A team of people representing many disciplines was responsible for the details that went into preparing the planning and environmental analysis documents.

#### PRIMARY INTERDISCIPLINARY PLANNING TEAM

- ***Karl Forge, Hydrologist, USDA Forest Service***

Education: M.S. Earth Science, Emporia State University  
B.A. Geography, Kansas State University

Experience: Three years with USDA Forest Service, One year with Midewin

Responsibility: Staff hydrologist with specialist contributions to air, soil, and water resource sections. Planning team member with general supporting or coordinating contributions to Population Viability Assessment, the Draft EIS, and development of alternatives.

- ***Karen Fonte, Recreation Specialist, Will County Forest Preserve District***

Education: Bachelors of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Experience: Twenty years experience in recreational planning, design, and project management. Team leader for the Wauponsee Glacial Trail Master Plan for the Forest Preserve District of Will County, a regional trail connecting Midewin to the City of Joliet, Village of Manhattan, and the Kankakee River. Part-time Recreation Planner for Midewin for three years through a Cost Share agreement with the Forest Preserve District of Will County.

Responsibility: Recreation planning and analysis.

- ***Bill Glass, Heritage Biologist, IDNR, Midewin***

Education: M.S. Biology, University of IL, Chicago

Experience: 17 years with the IDNR, Natural Heritage

Responsibility: Served as consultant to the Planning Team. Made contributions to the Population Viability Assessment, to the development of alternatives, and to the analysis of sensitive species.

- ***Dr. Richard H. Hokans, Operations Research Analyst, USDA Forest Service Eastern Region.***

Education: Ph.D. Forest Biometrics, Georgia

M.F. Resource Systems Management, Michigan

B.S. Forestry, Michigan

Experience: Twenty-eight years experience in systems analysis, operations research, and management science applied to natural resource management planning; Participated in the development of timber harvest scheduling models and geographic information systems used in natural resource planning; Conducted research in disease impacts on pine plantation growth and yield, and research in the application of timber harvest scheduling models. Systems analysis and modeling responsibilities included regional economic impact analysis for constituent needs assessments and land and resource management planning (Prairie Plan).

Responsibility: Economic analysis with Quicksilver program.

- ***Anne Mankowski, Biologist, IDNR, Midewin***

Education: M.S. Forest Ecology, University of IL, Urbana-Champaign

B.F.A. Painting, University of IL, Urbana-Champaign

Experience: 5.5 years with the IDNR, Natural Heritage

1.5 years with the Illinois Natural History Survey

Responsibility: Consultant to the Planning Team. Contributed to the Population Viability Analysis and to general wildlife analysis.

- **Mary McCorvie, Archeologist, USDA Forest Service**

Education: Illinois State University, 1972-1976  
University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 1976-1980

Experience: Archaeologist and Heritage Resource Program Manager

Responsibility: Heritage Resource Analysis

- **Joseph B. Miller, GIS Specialist, USDA Forest Service**

Education: M.A. Environmental Geography, University of Illinois,  
Chicago  
B.A. Sociology/Anthropology, Lake Forest College, Lake  
Forest, IL

Experience: Two ½ years with Midewin; Three years with USDA Forest  
Service

Responsibility: Staff GIS specialist with contributions to the Population  
Viability Assessment. Assisted in developing Midewin Prairie Explorer  
planning GIS tool.

- **Dr. Eunice A. Padley, Ecologist, Eastern Region, USDA Forest Service**

Education: Ph.D. Forestry, Michigan State University  
M.S. Soil and Crop Science, University of Wisconsin-  
Platteville  
B.S. Botany, University of Wisconsin-Platteville

Experience: Eleven years with USFS. Participated in population viability  
assessment and other Forest Plan revision work with the Wisconsin and  
Minnesota National Forests for two and a half years. Worked with the  
Regional Office's core planning team for two years, assisting in developing  
guidance for Forests involved in Plan revision. Worked on the Great  
Lakes Assessment for three years, developing broad-scale spatial data  
pertinent to Forest and Regional planning.

Responsibility: Lead coordinator for the Population Viability Assessment.

- ***Richard K. Short, Landscape Architect, USDA Forest Service***

Education: Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, Iowa State University

Experience: Three years at Midewin; nine years with USDA Forest Service

Responsibility: Assisted with alternative development and responsible for Scenery Management, System Analysis and Documentation.

- ***Renee C. Thakali, Prairie Parklands Coordinator, Acting Land Management Planner, USDA Forest Service***

Education: M.S. Forest Management, Michigan State University  
B.S. Natural Resources and Environmental Education,  
Michigan State University

Experience: Twenty years experience with USDA Forest Service (one year as assistant planner, three years as District Ranger)

Responsibility: Served as interdisciplinary team leader since June 2000. Responsible for overall direction, coordination and preparation of the Proposed Land and Resource Management Plan, and Draft and Final EIS.

- ***Eric F. Ulaszek, Horticultural Specialist, USDA Forest Service***

Education: M.S. Botany, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois.  
B.S. Botany, Plant and Soil Science (double major),  
Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois

Experience: Horticultural Specialist for the USDA Forest Service; also serves as unit botanist, invasive species contact, and as ID-team leader on NEPA documentation for specific projects. Seven years with USFS; five years with Midewin. Assistant research biologist for the Illinois Natural History Survey from 1985-1991.

Responsibility: Planning team member with general supporting or coordinating contributions to the Population Viability Assessment, the Draft and Final EIS, and the development of alternatives.

- ***Christopher J. Whelan, Avian Ecologist, Illinois Natural History Survey***

Education: Ph.D. Biological Sciences, Dartmouth College  
B.S. Wildlife Ecology, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Experience: Three years with the Illinois Natural History Survey at Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie. Co-editor (with Martin L. Bowles) of: Restoration of Endangered Species: Conceptual issues, planning, and implementation. Cambridge University Press, 1994.

Responsibility: Served as consultant to the Planning Team. Made contributions to the Population Viability Assessment, Monitoring and Evaluation, and to the Research Plan.

## **4.2. SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS**

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